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The relevance of "Development of diffractive optics and future challenges" Japan Women's University Journal, Faculty of Science, 10th Edition, Pages 7 to 24 (2002) is discussed in the present specification.

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